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On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of January 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Land violations committed in January 2017

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 January	1135	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite Udaysah, the Israeli enemy launched a medium-size white balloon from its position at the Misgav Am settlement. The balloon exploded in the sky over the outskirts Udaysah town, Aridah locality.
6 January	–	At dawn, on the outskirts of the town of Ayta al-Sha'b, near the border between Lebanon and occupied Palestine, between Points B32 and B33, an Israeli enemy patrol abducted the shepherd Abdullah Rahmah. At 0200 hours on 7 January, the Lebanese Army received the shepherd at Ra's al-Naqurah from the liaison service of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.
18 January	1130	Opposite the town of Aytarun, near point B56, some 15 Israeli enemy personnel crossed the technical fence and proceeded on their way for approximately 40 metres, without violating the Blue Line. They reconnoitred the location and then took up combat positions, pointing their weapons towards Lebanese territory. The enemy personnel were accompanied by a Merkava tank and two Jeeps from the Malikiyah post. At 1430 hours, they left the location and closed it off.
19 January	1100	On the outskirts of the town of Udaysah, near point TP36, the Israeli enemy placed a spying device atop a concrete block between the technical fence and the Blue Line, within the area to which Lebanon maintains a claim.
	Night-time	On the outskirts of the town of Udaysah, near point TP36, the Israeli enemy crossed the technical fence and moved into the area to which a claim is maintained, proceeding some 100 metres into Lebanese territory, whereupon they levelled an earthen berm that had been placed in that location by the municipality of Udaysah.
22 January	1230	On the outskirts of the town of Marun al-Ra's, opposite points B52 and B52-2, as some Lebanese farmers were inspecting their fields inside Lebanese territory, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising three Defender vehicles and two Hummer vehicles approached from inside occupied territory. Some 15 soldiers disembarked, took up combat positions, cocked and aimed their weapons at the farmers, and threw two smoke bombs that landed across from the farmers inside occupied Palestinian territory.
23 January	0920 0940	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the town of Alma al-Sha'b, as a Poclain trench-digger belonging to the Israeli enemy was removing brush in the area between the technical fence and the Blue Line, between points BPO and BPO-1, the trench-digger's boom encroached into Lebanese territory over an area approximately one metre long and 20 metres wide.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1030	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, near the wall opposite the town of Kafr Killa, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer vehicle and a Toyota pickup arrived. Five personnel disembarked and carried out maintenance work on the technical fence. One of them pointed his weapon towards a Lebanese Army patrol that was monitoring the work from the Lebanese side.
24 January	0730	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the Lebanese Army Wazzani OP8 observation point, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising a Hummer vehicle and a Merkava tank arrived. Some 22 personnel disembarked, opened the gate and crossed the technical fence, without violating the line of withdrawal (the Blue Line, to which Lebanon maintains a claim in that area) and conducted a patrol along the Wazzani River. At 0800 hours, they left towards occupied territory and closed the gate. During this incident, the Merkava tank pointed its cannon towards the above-mentioned observation post.
29 January	1240 1250	Inside the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy sounded warning sirens from its position at Ramta.

Sea violations committed in January 2017

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
2 January	0428 0432	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy, from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah, directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for four minutes and fired military weapons at a Lebanese fishing vessel that was within Lebanese territorial waters.
4 January	0436	From inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for a one-minute period and sounded warning sirens.
	0438	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) of 1 October 2011 for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 270 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1100	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, two Israeli enemy military launches violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) for a 55-minute period. The launches placed a red ball in Lebanese territorial water at the position of buoy No. 1, which had drifted away from the so-called line of buoys on 16 December 2016. The launches then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1130	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a seven-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 203 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1140	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, a large Israeli enemy warship violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 15-minute period. The warship was towing a pontoon to which a buoy was tethered. The buoy was installed in place of the above-mentioned red ball. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1223	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 63-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 351 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1310	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 21-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 351 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1426	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, two Israeli enemy military launches violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011). The first launch proceeded some 260 metres over an 84-minute period, while the second proceeded some 370 metres over an 89-minute period. The launches then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1630	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, two Israeli enemy military launches violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 15-minute period, and proceeded on their way for some 167 metres. The launches then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
6 January	1547	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a five-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 296 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
18 January	1120	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a period of one hour and 15 minutes, and proceeded on its way for some 265 metres. The launch dropped off three divers. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1250	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a 20-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 425 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
22 January	1557	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 300 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
25 January	1603	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 250 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
30 January	2040 2100	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for four minute and then again for 14 minutes.

Air violations committed in January 2017

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
5 January	1015	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 2005 hours over Rumaysh.
	1230	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South and Iqlim al-Kharrub before leaving at 1645 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1840	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2150 hours over Kafr Killa.
	2010	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Sidon. It circled over Iqlim al-Kharrub, Beirut and Ba'abda before leaving at 0135 hours on 6 January over Naqurah.
6 January	0805	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1435 hours over Naqurah.
	1355	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1925 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1750	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 0100 hours on 7 January over Alma al-Sha'b.
	2100	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South, Zahlah, Matn and Ba'abda before leaving at 0430 hours on 7 January over Kafr Killa.
7 January	0805	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1100 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0815	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1200 hours over Rumaysh.
9 January	1530	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1635 hours over Kafr Killa.
10 January	0710	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and Ba'abda before leaving at 2310 hours over Naqurah.
	0940	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1830 hours over Rumaysh.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1810 1830	Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. They circled over Lebanese territorial waters and released 16 decoy flares.
12 January	0715	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1450 hours over Aytarun.
	1140	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1355 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1215	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1345 hours over Naqurah.
	1230	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Shikka. They left at 1240 hours over western Tripoli, heading towards Turkey.
15 January	1000	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1805 hours over Kafr Killa.
16 January	0815	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Ba'abda and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1700 hours over Naqurah.
	0850	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1450 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1910	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Zahlah, Riyaq, Baalbek and Arz before leaving at 0200 hours on 17 January over Aytarun.
17 January	0755	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs, Riyaq, Baalbek and Ba'abda before leaving at 2305 hours over Naqurah.
	0805	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the Shuf, the Western Bekaa, the South, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1350 hours over Kafr Killa.
18 January	0655	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and the South before leaving at 1830 hours over Rumaysh.
	0700	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Ba'abda, Kasrawan and Matn before leaving at 1340 hours over Naqurah.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	0935	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1030 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	0945	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1400 hours over Rumaysh.
	1030	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1210 hours over Alma al Sha'b.
19 January	0810	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2300 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1015	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the Shuf and Iqlim al-Kharrub before leaving at 1630 hours over Rumaysh.
20 January	0830	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1630 hours over Rumaysh.
22 January	0705	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, the districts of Matn and Ba'abda, as well as Baalbek, Hirmil and Akkar before leaving at 1510 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0710	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1705 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1245	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1450 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	1255	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 1740 hours over Naqurah.
	1530 1620	An Israeli enemy helicopter circled over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
	2005	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf and the South before leaving at 2115 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
23 January	0630	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf, Iqlim al-Kharrub, Beirut and its suburbs, and Ba'abda before leaving at 1035 hours over Naqurah.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	0955	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1630 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	2305	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 0630 hours on 24 January over Alma al-Sha'b.
24 January	0805	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1555 hours over Aytarun.
25 January	1830	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1945 hours over Kafr Killa.
26 January	0935	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1100 hours over Kafr Killa.
27 January	1015	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Naqurah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1215 hours over Kafr Killa.
28 January	0840	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 0855 hours over the sea west of Na'imah.
	1010	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea to the west of Shikka. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1105 hours Rumaysh.
29 January	1025	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving at 1925 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1200	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving at 1635 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
30 January	0530	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Jubayl, Kasrawan, the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1550 hours over Rumaysh.
	0605	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Beirut, Ba'abda, the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1620 hours over Rumaysh.
	1240	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1640 hours over Kafr Killa.